

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Programs like "Stolen Honor" do not serve the public interest and are therefore an example of a large corporation trying to impress its political views among the populous at large. It is horrifying to me that in America, something such as this could happen. I would expect this kind of behavior from say Russian media as they are state owned, but not in a country where the press is expected to be free and unbiased - particularly when it comes to the airwaves which are licensed by the government.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Please, I implore you, stop the Sinclair group from abusing its power and privilege. Help to make this a fair campaign about the issues and not let smear tactics run unchecked by these special interests.

Thank you.